

## Exhibit A



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Administrator		Next Tax Date	
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Custom Code #7		Confirm No	
Customer Code		Customer Name	Silicon Valley IP Group

### Title

Pln Adapter For Air Bearing Surface (Abs) Lapping And Method For Using The Same

### Description

### Current Expense Information

### Other Case-Related Information

#### Actions

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Notes .	5/6/2005		During an ongoing file audit, I found that PAIR showed a Restriction mailed on 11/4/2004. We never received this Restriction. The 6 month date was 5/4/2005.
→ Restriction mail date	11/4/2004	Dominic M. Kotab	If Document had been received ←
Assignment 10/23/2001	11/21/2001 Yes	Dominic M. Kotab	(MDC Rule 5/7)
Information Disclosure Statement 10/23/2001	8/30/2001 Yes	Dominic M. Kotab	(MDC Rule 6/13a-b)
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Status Inquiry 8/23/2003	8/5/2003 Yes	Dominic M. Kotab	Request for Status (MDC Rule 7/5a-7/13a)
Status Inquiry 10/5/2003	8/19/2003	Dominic M. Kotab	This application will be examined in 0-3 months
Status OA? 11/19/2003	9/10/2003	Dominic M. Kotab	
Office Action 3 mos. 12/10/2003	11/19/2003 Yes	Dominic M. Kotab	Response to Restriction Requirement
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**Assignment**

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